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In re Application of:

John D. Winter et al.

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Group Art Unit: 1723

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For: Apparatus And Method For  
Withdrawing And Dewatering Slag  
From A Gasification System

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Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

**Introductory Comments**

This is responsive to the Office Action mailed November 6, 2002, and is being submitted with a one-month extension of time. Therefore, this response is being submitted on or before its current due date of March 6, 2003.

Please enter the following amendments to the claims and consider the accompanying remarks. There are no amendments to the specification.

I hereby certify that I have a reasonable basis for believing that this correspondence will be deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231, on March 6, 2003

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